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Nervousness.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

Nerve Breaking Decades Following Great Fire of 1871
Cause Nervous Collapse
of Many New Yorkers.

Chicago April 11.—A notable decrease in the percentage of local deaths from nervous diseases suggests to the health department that the high tension of life in Chicago is being lowered and that the people are returning to saner and simpler modes of living than obtained in the two strenuous, nerve shocking decades following the great fire of 1871. In the same connection it is noted that the deaths of babies from convulsions have decreased nearly 60 per cent.

Comparing the decade 1884-1893 with the last decade, 1894-1903, the decrease of 40.2 per cent in the deaths per 1000 of population from all forms of nervous diseases, and of 69.8 per cent in the deaths from convulsions.

HOME IS EVERYTHING.

Evil Tendencies Not Inherited, Claims New York Minister.

New York, April 11.—In a discourse on "The Home as a Religious Source of Instruction," the Rev. Dr. Silverman, in the Temple Emanuel, has declared that man does not inherit evil tendencies. "We always conform," he said, "to our surroundings and are thus impregnated with the good or the evil. Upon the child is placed the stamp of his moral life by the home in which he is born and reared. The child and the home are two of the most important

figures of human existence. Together they are the corner stone of humanity. It is important that they be brought together for, whatever the home gives, the child will pay back to it.

SMASHES INTO BUGGY.

Merchant May Die as Result of Auto Collision.

New York, April 11.—One man has been probably fatally injured, another seriously hurt, a horse killed and a carriage and an automobile smashed in a collision between a 24 horse power automobile and a carriage at Ocean boulevard and the Neck road, near Coney Island.

The automobile was in charge of William A. Stark of Brooklyn, said to be a manufacturer's clerk. With another man he was running home from Coney Island at the rate of 10 miles an hour, when his machine suddenly collided head-on with a buggy carrying two Italian merchants from New York. Men, animals and machine were thrown into a heap. The horsemen were injured most, however, and one whose skull was crushed, probably will die. The automobilists were badly bruised and cut and it was found necessary to destroy the horse. The police found that the carriage was not provided with lights and was on the wrong side of the road, so they refused to arrest Stark.

Mail Clerk Arrested.

New York, April 11.—James P. Zehnor, a clerk in the general postoffice, has been arrested on a charge of stealing letters and packages from the mails. According to the charges more than 1,000 pieces of mail, including registered letters and packages worth in all about \$5,000 have been stolen recently from the mail.

Will Assist Alexieff.

Tien Tsin, April 11.—M. Pavloff, recently Russian minister to Korea, returned to Tien Tsin today. He will proceed to Mukden Tuesday next for the purpose of assisting Viceroy Alexieff.

LOOKING FOR ASSAILANTS

Men Who Tried to Kidnap Italian Editor Thought to Be Common Thugs.

THE VICTIM RECOGNIZES TWO

Paper Had Been Suppressed by Military in Control of Colorado Coal Fields Where Strike is On.

Pueblo, Col., April 11.—Sensational developments are expected from the attempted kidnaping and assault of Charles Demoli, the editor of the Italian paper, suppressed by order of Maj. Hill, commanding the military in southern Colorado coal fields, where a strike is now on. It develops that Demoli was attacked by six men after they had tried to force him into a hack. Demoli asserts that he recognized two of the men as professional thugs. The police have secured evidence that the plot was directed by a man named Pagnini, formerly of Utah, and the six men have since disappeared. All surrounding cities have been notified to watch for the assailants and minute descriptions have been furnished the police authorities.

TELLS OF THE ATTACK.

Man Wounded by Robbers Describes Blow Dealt Him.

Berkely, Cal., April 11.—William J. Sharwood, the instructor of the University of California, who was sandwiched by two thugs at midnight last night, recovered sufficiently from the shock of his experience today to give a more detailed account of the attack upon him. Sharwood was so dazed after the attack that he fell unconscious after walking a block toward his home, and at first it was thought that his skull had been fractured. Fortunately it turned out that the blow only caused a deep incision of the scalp.

"I met the two fellows at Bancroft and Fulton streets on my way to the postoffice," he said today. "When I repassed the corner I saw only one man. He advanced toward me with a pistol in his hand. Just then I was struck from behind by a man I had not seen. I can't recall whether the man with the pistol said anything or not until I told him to get away. Then she said: 'Keep still; keep still.' Some people came along then and scared the men away. They had not a chance to rob me. I walked a block toward my home, but fell at Fulton street and Durant avenue, and remembered nothing more until I found myself at home again."

This is the first real hold-up that has taken place in Berkeley for a long time. There is some fear that it means the repetition of the reign of terror of a year ago, when people were held up every night or so. The attack on Sharwood indicates that the highwaymen would not stop at murder. With only three policemen to guard this town of 20,000 people the thugs may have a moonlight picnic any time they choose.

SELECTING THE BEST.

Jury of Selection Passing Upon Work of Competing Artists.

New York, April 11.—Divisions of the national jury of selection for the department of art for the world's fair at St. Louis have been holding meetings here to pass upon works submitted by artists desiring to exhibit at St. Louis. In all nearly 4,000 works have been judged from among which has been selected 1,161 products considered by the jurors as possessing sufficient merit to represent America in competition with the products of the most civilized countries of the world.

The works selected include paintings, etchings, engravings, drawings architectural exhibits and examples of and project for mural decorations. These will not constitute the entire exhibit as the board will sit in several other cities and also examine pictures submitted by American painters residing abroad.

FOUND WITH THROAT CUT.

Nineteen-Year-Old Youth's Desperate Attempt to Escape Trial.

Los Angeles, April 11.—At the request of the San Francisco police department Rene Thorsch, who was found in Central park after he had tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, is being held until an officer can reach here to take him back, the information having been

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received here that he is to be prosecuted on a charge of embezzlement.

Thorsch is only 19 years of age and says he came here from San Francisco to escape prosecution. At 1:45 o'clock this morning he was found in the park with his throat cut and his wrists gashed. He was taken to the receiving hospital, where the surgeons stopped the flow of blood and prevented him from bleeding to death. On his person was found the following note:

"My name is Rene Thorsch. My home is in San Francisco, where my parents live at 2392 Pine street. I hope God will forgive me for doing this, but it is for the best. It is my own fault, as I always have had a good home, but gambling was my undoing. My belongings are at 1702 South Grand avenue. Please notify my father, as the shock would kill my mother."

The wounds which Thorsch inflicted are not serious, although he would have bled to death if not discovered in time.

Thorsch stated tonight that he had been in the employ of J. B. Whitney, of 120 Sutter street, San Francisco, and admitted that he was short in his accounts. He expressed a willingness to go back to San Francisco to face any charges which may be preferred and intimated that others would be implicated in what he had to tell when he reaches San Francisco.

The Humorist.

Behold the cheerful humorist; take note of him, I say,
Who steals God's sunshine from the skies and prints it every day.
Behold the cheerful humorist; what griefs may be his share,
Who knows? And yet he lets the world know nothing of his care;
He tunes his song to joy alone and makes the weary way
Of life a little happier for some one every day.

He asks no man to bear with him the burden of his care,
He plucks the sob from weary hearts and sets his laughter there,
The bowstring of his fancy twangs, his smiling arrow flies,
To find the heart of care, and dead upon its way it lies,
For he is God's own optimist; his heart is ever new,
And by the weary way of life he comforts me and you.

God bless the cheerful humorist; and may he reap some day
The fruits of all the happiness he scatters by the way.
And some day God will smile on him and bid him come away
To where the sun of happiness makes bright and endless day,
To where the angels' laughter always echoes through and through,
And God will give him back his smiles that he has given you.

—Foley in Bismark Tribune.

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